Byron Bay

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Once Byron Bay was only a simple whaling station later discovered by surfers. In the sixties the hippie culture moved in and now the place is swarmed with tourists and celebrities wanting to experience the alternative town, which is now one of the hippest destinations on the East Coast. Despite the coastal town's reputation of being laid back and alternative, it is anything but boring and visitors have the time of their lives in Byron Bay!

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THE CITY

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Only three decades ago, Byron Bay was a small sleepy enclave unaware of the hustle and bustle it would later see. Nowadays, the local authorities even have to close off the city for its New Year's celebrations each year, because so many people flock into town.Byron Bay has that small town charm mixed with a cosmopolitan – yet alternative – lifestyle that attracts mainly young people from all over the world. There are no high-rise hotels here but plenty of kilometres of unbroken sandy beaches and heaps of great surf waves to catch.Furthermore, Byron Bay is surrounded by an abundance of pristine nature and wildlife. Due to its location as Australia's most eastern point, the majestic humpback whales pass by twice a year on their travels.You'll never be short for a local market here and all through the year annual festivals take place. This is another attracting factor to lovely Byron Bay - home to more surf schools, yoga studios, funky shops, top restaurants and organic food outlets than you could ever tire of, where most travellers find themselves staying much longer than they had originally planned.

DO & SEE

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The Cape Byron Lighthouse

A visit to lighthouse on the rocky Cape Byron - one of the most powerful in the southern hemisphere - is a must. The view is magnificent and on a good day you might even spot dolphins or whales. It is also a popular spot to greet the dawn.

Internet: www.lighthouse.net.au
More Info: Located 3 kilometers east of Byron Bay, accessible by foot.

Dolphin Kayaking

Get up close and personal with the local bottlenose dolphins in the bay. A kayak is a great and sporty way of observing these lovely mammals. A one-day trip costs around $40 but shop around in town for the best deals on trips for both the whale and dolphin tours.

Imagine paddling up close with dolphins at Byron's amazing marine park, whilst learning about local history and listening to local Indigenous stories.

Address: Opp 56 Lawson Street, Byron Bay NSW 2481
Phone: +61 416 222 344
Internet: www.goseakayakbyronbay.com.au

Alternative Therapies

Byron Bay is the natural and alternative therapies capital of Australia, offering a range of treatments such as acupuncture, rebirthing, aura reading, cranial sacral

balancing, ayurvedic medicine, intuitive readings, reiki, tarot, psychic healing and breath connection. Pick up a copy of the Byron Body & Soul Guide' from the tourist office to find a healing that might catch your attention.

Internet: www.byronbaynow.com

Brunswick Heads

Brunswick Heads, about 20 minutes by road north of Byron Bay, is what Byron USED to be, before the current yuppie invasion. It's a sleepy little village on a super-scenic inlet, with top boating and fishing, a fantastic pub with live music on Sundays, great fish n chips, and the makings of a great café culture.

Address: Brunswick Heads
Internet: www.brunswickheads.org.au
More Info: Just off the Pacific Highway

Whale Watching

From May to July grandiose humpback whales pass Byron Bay on their journey to calving and breeding grounds further north. In September and October they come past Byron Bay again when they migrate back to the Antarctic with their youngsters. Several companies organise boat trips out to sea to watch the whales.

Whale Watching Byron Bay is the only whale watching tour operator departing directly from Byron Bay. They conduct small and intimate tours with a maximum of 12 people per vessel.

Address: 9 Marvell Street, Byron Bay, NSW 2481
Phone: +61 2 66 858 333
Internet: www.byronbaywhalewatching.com.au
More Info: Freecall: 1800 243 483 (within Australia)

Surfing

Byron Bay's beaches face many different directions increasing the chance for a great surfing wave. But for those who still need to learn, Byron Bay is the perfect place to take surfing lessons with its often mellow waves.

Mojosurf is one of the companies in Byron Bay offering to teach you how to surf. Whether you are a beginner or you have experince, they can certainly help you to a great time.

Address: 2/9 Marvell St, Byron Bay 2481 NSW
Phone: +61 2 6639 5100
Internet: www.mojosurf.com

Diving And Snorkelling

The sea around Byron Bay has an abundant marine life among the rock reefs. The Julian Rocks Marine Park lies 2,5 likometers from Byron Bay, and is a very popular destination for scuba diving. If you are not a certified diver yet, this is the place to complete your training.

Some of the things you'll get a chance to experience here are dolphins, manta rays, whales, sharks and turtles.

Address: Byron Bay Dive Centre, 9 Marvel Street, Byron Bay, NSW 2481
Phone: +61 2 66 858 333
Internet: www.byronbaydivecentre.com.au
More Info: Freecall: 1800 243 483 (within Australia)

Byron Bay From The Air

Take the opportunity to view Byron Bay and the amazing nature surrounding it, from 14,000 feet. Skydive Byron Bay use the latest technology to maintain the highest safety.

Address: Hanger 1, Tyagarah Airfield, Tyagarah, NSW, 2481
Phone: +61 2 6684 1323
Internet: www.skydivebyronbay.com

EATING

Photo: eGuide Travel

Various gastronomic variations came together with the vast and different cultural influences which Byron Bay has seen over the last century. This has resulted in an enormous variety of food served in the small town with several options of organic and vegetarian restaurants. Also, Eat Streets' have developed along beachfront esplanades and in country towns where you can easily while away the afternoon or evening sampling unique regional cuisine and Australia s best wines.

Boomerang

Brothers Paul and Marc Romanella earned their laurels in Beijing and Canada before coming to Byron to open their unique Asian/European fusion restaurant. Dishes like Steamed, scarlet-bathed Parrot fish on nashi confit with crisp wakame au jus du citron make you want to forget the food and just eat the menu instead.

Address: Shop 5, 2 Fletcher St, Byron Bay 2481
Phone: +61 2 6685 5264

Fins

Possibly Australia's best seafood restaurant. BIG servings complement the high quality of the food.

Address: Cnr Jonson, Bay Streets, Byron Bay
Phone: +61 2 6674 4833
Internet: www.fins.com.au
More Info: In the Beach Hotel

Earth 'n' Sea Pizza & Pasta

Eat pizza and pasta with a clear conscience. This chain restaurant only uses local products, low fat cheese and wholemeal bases. Try their famous Satay Chicken and Mullumbimby Madness Pizza.

Address: 11 Lawson Street, Byron Bay
Phone: +61 2 6685 6029
Internet: www.earthnsea.com.au

Fish Mongers

The Fishmonger's in Byron Bay has one of the best reputations for excellent fresh, fast seafood. All of the menu is prepared daily on site by qualified chefs.

Address: Bay Lane, Byron Bay
Phone: +61 2 6680 8080
Internet: http://mongers.com.au/byron.html

O-Sushi

When the fresh air makes you hungry, your tummy will love this fresh and healthy sushi.

Address: Shop 15 Woolworths Plaza, Byron Bay
Phone: +61 2 6685 7103
Internet: www.osushi.com.au

CAFES

Photo: James Manners

Byron Beach Café

The Byron Beach Cafe is an elegant café open daily for breakfast and lunch, 7 days a week. There is a takeaway right next to the café if you prefer to bring your food to the beach or the beach.

Address: Clarkes Beach, Lawson Street, Byron Bay NSW 2481
Phone: +61 6685 8400
Internet: http://byronbeachcafe.com.au/

Espressohead

Do as the locals, and stock up on your caffeine levels at the Espressohead café. The staff is friendly and the atmosphere relaxed the perfect place to recharge your batteries.

Address: 111 Jonson Street, Byron Bay NSW 2481
Phone: +61 2 6680 9783

Harvest Café

Country style, great veranda views and good local coffee are only a few of the reasons why people flock to this multi award-winning café. Located in a charming, early 1900´s historic cottage with Alfresco dining on the spacious rambling veranda's showcasing local fresh organic produce.

Address: Old Pacific Highway Newrybar NSW 2479
Phone: +61 2 6687 2644
Internet: www.harvestcafe.com.au

Zula Café

The Zula café offers breakfast, lunch until 5pm and coffee and desserts until midnight (Sunday 10pm). Every Sunday afternoon from 4pm until after sunset there is a live DJ and full dinner service.

Address: Lot 1 Skinners Shoot Rd Byron Bay 2481
Phone: +61 2 6680 8038
Internet: www.byron-bay.com/zula/

Fishheads Restaurant and Café

Stylish dining by the beachfront in a relaxed atmosphere. The restaurant and café is located only 20 metres from the beach.

Address: 1 Jonson St, Byron Bay
Phone: +61 2 6680 7632
Internet: www.fishheadsbyron.com.au

BARS & NIGHTLIFE

Photo: Steve Mc

Byron Bay rocks like jelly in an earthquake and has gained a reputation as one of Australia's very best music venues. Major world-class groups will often tour the major state capitals of Australia 'plus Byron Bay'.The Byron Bay nightlife is lively and vibrant. Check out Tuesday's Byron Shire Echo and the Thursday's Byron Shire News for gig guides or listen to the local radio station Bay FM 99.9 to find out what's on, when and where.

Cheeky Monkey's

Once Cheeky Monkey's turn into a nightclub later at night, there is no turning back. Dinner tables become dance podiums.

Monday:
Mad Mexican

Tuesday:
Peterpans Coyote Ugly Dance Comp

Wednesday:
Catwalk Wednesday

Thursday:
Wet T-Shirt Contest

Friday:
Babe Nation

Saturday:
Ladies Night

Sunday closed

Address: 115 Jonson Street, Byron Bay NSW 2481
Phone: +61 2 6685 5886
Internet: www.cheekymonkeys.com.au

La La Land

Nip cocktails as you take in the whole atmosphere of La La Land. Small dinner meals are also available. They pride themselves on being able to place local as well as international acts right in front of you.

Address: 6 Lawson Street, Byron Bay
Phone: +61 2 6680 7070
Internet: http://lalalandbyronbay.com.au

Cocomangas

There's plenty of pop music from the last three decades to keep your hips moving at Cocomangas. There's an upstairs bar with a cool lounge feeling if you'd like to relax a while and have a sunset cocktail.

Address: 32 Jonson Street, Byron Bay, NSW 2481
Phone: +61 2 6685 8493
Internet: www.cocomangas.com.au

Beach Hotel

This hotel has a great and very popular outdoor beer garden facing the sea. There's live music every Thursday to Sunday.

Address: Bay Street
Phone: +61 2 6685 6402
Internet: www.beachhotel.com.au
More Info: Cnr Jonson & Bay Streets

Buddha Bar

The Buddha bar is the place to be for entertainment. Monday night is Mad Monday and Thursday and Friday nights are when the place gets moving with live entertainment and DJ.

If you like beer you might want to try the Byron Bay Premium Ale naturally brewed using nature's finest ingredients, with no added chemicals, preservatives or sugar.

Address: 1 Skinners Shoot Road, Byron Bay NSW 2481
Phone: +61 2 6685 5833
Internet: www.buddhabarbyronbay.com

SHOPPING

Photo: taki Lau

Byron Bay has a wealth of alternative and arts & craft shops. Jonson Street is lined with shops selling everything from beach clothes to surfing gear but also crystals and locally made crafts, such as jewellery.This area is mainly famous for the various markets around at the weekends where Byron Bay's alternative community becomes even more visible. Musicians sometime even play at the different markets so watch out for event notices in the local newspapers.Local produce and arts & crafts are on display at the Byron Bay Market on Butler Street every first Sunday of the month. There is also an Arts Factory on Skinners Shoot Road from Tuesdays to Sundays while the Byron Craft Market is held there every Saturday. The Epicentre on Border Street also houses the work of several local artists and craft people.Beyond Byron Bay, you can find The Channon and Murwillumbah markets on every second Sunday of the month while Lismore, Pottsville and the Uki markets are on every third Sunday.Visit the Arts and Industry Estate, just off Ewingsdale Road (about 2 km west of Byron Bay). The Arts and Industry Estate Guide (available at the Byron Bay Tourist Office, near the railway station) lists a huge range of creative enterprises located in this compact precinct. All the art and craft galleries, as well as a number of clothing and footwear warehouses in the Estate, offer their products at prices up to 50% less than you will pay in Byron's pricey Jonson and Lawson Streets.

Bangalow Village Market

4th Sunday of the month, Showground.

This market is a gathering of locals a get-together of artists, artisans, bakers, victuallers, therapists, farmers and friends. People from far off lands, backpackers and celebrities alike make a day of the markets.

Address: Bangalow Market, Bangalow 2479
Phone: +61 2 6687 1911
Internet: www.bangalowmarket.com.au
More Info: No dogs allowed. Parking is available in the showgrounds at the market. Parking fee is $2.

Byron Bay Community Market

1st Sunday of the month, Butler Street Reserve

Byron Community Markets are a celebration of colour, music, original arts & crafts and a myriad of exotic foods & other wares. Fascinating things made by locals using unusual and natural materials sit next to colourful imports from Africa and Asia. Within the diversity of more than 300 stalls you are sure to find something you like.

Address: Butler Street Reserve
Internet: www.byronmarkets.com.au

SLEEPING

Photo: James Manners

Bay Beach Motel

This chic and trendy motel is just a stroll away from central Byron Bay and the Main Beach.

Address: 32 Lawson Street
Phone: +61 2 6685 6090
Internet: www.baybeachmotel.com.au

Amigos Guesthouse

This blue and green spotless guesthouse has a lively Mexican touch and freely available bicycles and boogie boards. Amigos is TV-free and smoke-free both inside and on the decks. There's a big garden where you can relax in a hammock or take a siesta at the lounge area.

Address: 32 Kingsley Street
Phone: +61 417 732 244
Internet: www.amigosbb.com

Garden Burées Of Byron Bay

These charming and exotic Balinese bungalow rooms are definitely worth a stay and there is also onsite yoga and massage therapy. Pure tranquillity.

Address: 17 Gordon Street
Phone: +61 2 6685 5390
Internet: www.gardenburees.com.au

Four Luxury Winds Villas

Guests at Four Winds can enjoy breath-taking sunrises over Broken Head Beach as far as Lennox Head, and lingering sunset views over Mt Warning from the two villas. Enjoy the ambiance of the well-landscaped gardens and relax around a lagoon-style swimming pool that must have been designed with convalescent whales in mind.

Address: 448 Old Byron Bay Road, Newrybar
Phone: +61 2 6687 2328
Internet: www.fourwindsvillas.com.au

The Oasis Resort and Tree-top Houses

Situated adjoining Arakwal National Park, this garden resort offers excellent value. The tree houses are unique.

Address: 24 Scott Street, Byron Bay
Phone: +61 2 6685 7390
Internet: www.byronbayoasisresort.com.au

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

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Airports

There are several bus services connecting both of them with Byron Bay. The rides take between 30 and 50 minutes depending on the airport and will take you back around $25-30. There is a range of possibilities for car rental at the airport as well.

Airlink

Phone: +61 2 6684 3232
Internet: www.airlinkbyronbay.com.au

Airports

Airport Express

Phone: +61 2 6685 4871
Internet: www.byron-bay.com/airportexpress

Airports

Byron Bay is located between Ballina and Gold Coast (Coolangatta) Airports.

Byron Bay runs a shuttle service between Ballina/Byron Airport and Byron Bay, including drop off at destinations in Byron Bay or its suburbs. The fare is $18-25, depending on the number of passengers.

Internet: www.ncas.com.au, www.goldcoastairport.com.au

Public transport

Byron Bay is small enough to walk around and you can also rent bicycles as well as mopeds to get around town. Unless your accommodation offers free use of bikes, you can hire them from Byron Bicycle on 93 Jonson St (tel: +612 6685 6067) or from Byron Bay Bike Hire nearby (tel: +61 500 856 985).

Taxi

Byron Bay Taxis

Phone: Tel: +61 2 6685 5008
Internet: www.byronbaytaxis.com

Post

Byron Bay Post office

Address: 61 Jonson Street
Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9.00am-5.00pm and Saturdays 9.00am-1.00pm

Dentist

Byron Dental Surgery

Address: 7/14 Byron Street
Phone: +61 2 6680 7774

Pharmacy

Byron District Hospital

Address: Wordsworth Street
Phone: +61 2 6685 6200
More Info: Corner Shirley and Wordsworth Streets, Byron Bay

Pharmacy

Byron Bay Plaza Amcal Pharmacy

Address: Jonson Street
Phone: +61 2 6685 7401

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Area code: 02

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The Wreck
Byron Bay
Main Beach
Fishermans Lookout
Wategos Beach
Cape Byron Headland Reserve
Marine Parade
Brooke Drive
Palm Valley Drive
Palm Valley
Brownell Drive
Cape Byron Lighthouse
Lighthouse Road
Clarks Beach
Captain Cook's Lookout
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Massinger Street
Daniels St
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Evans St
Tallow Beach Road
Marty Ford Park
Cosy Corner
Arakwal National Park
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Ruskin Street
Ruskin Lane
Massinger Street
Cowper Street
Browning St
Seaview Street
Paterson Street
Tallow Beach
South Pacific Ocean
Coral Sea
Bangalow Road
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Bay Lane	A2
Bay Street	A2
Brooke Drive	C1
Brownell Drive	D1 D2
Browning Street	A3
Burns Street	A2
Butler Street	A2
Byron Lane	A2
Byron Street	A2
Carlyle Lane	A3 B3
Carlyle Street	A3
Cowper Street	A3 B3
Cumbebin Place	A4
Daniels Street	B2
Evans Street	B3
Fletcher Street	A2
Johnson Lane	A2 A3
Johnson Street	A2 A3
Keats Street	A4
Kingsley Lane	A3 B3
Kingsley Street	A3 B3
Lawson Lane	A2
Lawson Street	A2 B2
Lee Lane	C2
Lighthouse Road	C2 D2
Marine Parade	D1
Marvell Lane	A2 A3 B3
Marvell Street	A2 B3
Massinger Street	B2 B3
Middleton Street	A2 A3
Mott Street	A4
Pacific Vista Drive	B4
Palm Valley Drive	D1
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Paterson Street	A4 B3 B4
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Seaview Street	A3 A4
Shelley Drive	B4
Shirley Lane	A2
Shirley Street	A1 A2
Short Street	B3
Somerset Street	A2
Tallow Beach Road	C2
Tennyson Street	A3
Walkers Street	B4
Wollumbin Street	A4